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1. WE CONCUR IN GUIDANCE OUTLINED PARA TWO OF REFTTEL.

2. IN ADDITION, MISSION MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING
GUIDANCE PREPARED IN ANTICIPATION OF PRESS INQUIRIES
HERE:

Q: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO
WILL BE ARRIVING HERE TONIGHT TO LOBBY ON THE HILL FOR
A LIFTING OF THE BAN OF U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY.
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS?

A: NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS, AT HIS INITIATIVE,
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IS MAKING ONE OF HIS PERIODIC VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES

TO DISCUSS PRESSING ISSUES AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE. HIS VISIT AT THIS TIME WHEN THE CONGRESS WILL BE CONSIDERING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD LIFT THE ARMS BAN TO TURKEY, REFLECTS HIS CONCERN ABOUT NATO'S DETERIORATING SITUATION ON ITS SOUTHERN FLANK. I UNDERSTAND THE SECRETARY GENERAL WISHES PERSONALLY TO IMPART THIS CONCERN TO VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. WEARE, OF COURSE,

ASSISTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN ARRANGING THOSE APPOINTMENTS HE SEEKS TO MAKE.

Q: ISN'T IT UNUSUAL FOR A NATO SECRETARY GENERAL TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A LOBBYING EFFORT?

A: THE LEGISLATION AFFECTS THE VITAL INTERESTS OF NATO AND IT WOULD SEEM QUITE LEGITIMATE FOR HIM AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION TO WISH TO MAKE HIS CONCERNS KNOWN AS DIRECTLY AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN HIS INDEPENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AS CHIEF STEWARD OF THE ALLIANCE. KISSINGER

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